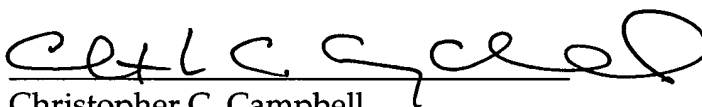


III. REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, claim 42 has been amended to state that each product is characterized by "a different combination of absorbency designation and size designation" rather than "the same combination" thereof. Support for this amendment is found in the Summary of the Invention section of the Specification, on page 4, lines 15-21. The Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claim is fully supported by the specification, and no new matter is added. As such, entry of this amendment is earnestly solicited. If there are any issues regarding the entry of this amendment, Applicants would encourage telephoning the below representatives to expeditiously resolve those issues.

Respectfully submitted,
HUNTON & WILLIAMS LLP

Date: JUNE 22, 2004

By: 
Christopher C. Campbell
Reg. No. 37,291

Hunton & Williams LLP
Intellectual Property Department
1900 K Street, N.W., Suite 1200
Washington, D.C. 20006-1109
(703) 714-7553
(703) 714-7410 (fax)